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ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
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NATIONAL TRANSPORT POLICY
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Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to formulate a National Transport Policy and draft an Urban Transport Act in about a year`s time;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the new transport policy would help to provide adequate and affordable mobility at a reasonable speed to all sections of society;

(d) if so, whether the Government propose to seek legislative assistance as resource generation mechanism for financing urban transport projects; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MAJOR GENERAL(RETD.) B KHANDURI)

(a) to (e) Several Ministries/agencies of Government of India such as Ministries of Railways, Road Transport and Highways, Shipping, Civil Aviation and Urban Development and Poverty Alleviation are responsible for different segments of transport. An Integrated Transport Policy document has been finalised by Planning Commission in October, 2001 coveringa wide range o f policy issues relating to various modes of transport. These include expansion, modernisation and technology upgradation, pricing and financing, energy and environment, private sector participation, regulatory framework and organisational structure. The approach to transport policy outlined in this document indicates the broad direction in which policy in each mode must evolve. Detailed planned targets and priorities for each mode has to be outlined in successive plan documents.

The objective of the Integrated Transport Policy is to meet the growing transport demand by creating a system in which various modes complement each other, interface appropriately and compete with each other wherever necessary to ensure that each mode operates efficiently.

Ministry of Urban Development and Poverty Alleviation, who are responsible for urban transport, have informed that there is a consensus for comprehensive legislation for Urban Transport and that a model central legislation should be enacted and suitable resource generation mechanism has to be devised to promote Urban Transport projects. The Ministry has not indicated any time frame.